

A joint meeting of the three lower shore Bicentennial Commissions was held on Thursday, June 27, 1974, at 8:00 P.M. in Princess Anne. Present were John Jeffries, Margaret Ann Davis, John Jacob, Asbury Parks, Sylvia Bradley, Bob Robertson, Elmer Brittingham, and Kelvin Adkins. It was decided to work from the minutes of the previous meeting.

John Jacob reported that he had had several discussions with his education sub-committee with reference to a "Junior Commission." They had decided that it would make the entire program more meaningful if students were given an opportunity to formulate a program of their own. He also said that he had been invited to speak at the Wicomico County Board of Education Bicentennial Workshop this summer, and felt that the same workshop would probably be held in Somerset and Worcester Counties as well. John Jeffries said that he had talked to Mrs. Whittington, and they thought the Junior Commission should be selected by the faculty, with the education sub-committees working with them giving guidance when needed.

Mr. Jacob said that a one-act play centered around the first Continental Congress was being written and was to be finished in August. Reservations had already been made at the State Line Motel for rehearsals, etc., and plans were being made to cast and begin production.

Wicomico County has voted to appropriate \$1,500 to pay for their share of the writing of approximately 50 years of Somerset's history to be of the same type and quality of Torrance. Dr. Wroten has said he will chair and edit such a volume with the assistance of his students. Completion of the volume would take at least two years, and he would expect a total of \$4,500 for the entire work: \$1,500 before, \$1,500 at the end of the first year, and \$1,500 at the end. The cost would really cover only out-of-pocket expenses since most of the research

would have to be done from the original records in Annapolis. It was felt that this should be a "Bicentennial edition" and would not be sold as a paperback. It was also felt that this project would certainly qualify for money from the State.

Mr. Jacob reported that a publishing company in Cambridge had been consulted with reference to reprinting the 1877 Atlas. The approximate cost, on the basis of 1,000 of each sheet, would be \$8,000. This would be 500 bound copies of the Atlas and 500 loose pages of each map. The maps would be only from the three lower counties. Bound copies could probably be sold for \$²⁰~~25~~ apiece.

Bob Robertson reported that the September joint meeting would probably be held in the Ocean City Sheraton, where they have a separate dining room for large banquets. No definite plans had been made for a speaker yet. *Sept. 17th*

Charles O. Truitt has welcomed the suggestion that the Bicentennial Commissions sell his book, Delmarva During the Revolution. He has not yet fixed a price, but did say he would sell it to the Commissions at roughly the cost of publication. The text will probably be ready to print within the next six months.

1975-76 Kelvin Adkins brought up the idea of promoting the wearing of Revolutionary period costumes and awarding prizes for the best, which seemed to all to be a good idea, perhaps at the joint meeting in September.

Asbury Parks of the Salisbury Exchange Club was present to ask for the sanction of the Bicentennial to go to the service clubs of the three counties to ask them to participate in a cooperative effort to raise money for the reconstruction of a barge. The \$50,000 he hoped to raise would cover the cost of building the barge (approximately 44'

X 60') as well as the cost of maintenance of the vessel. Mr. Jeffries suggested that Admiral Hiller be contacted to get more details on the actual construction.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 1974.

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Round table to Legue is April ^{18th} 1975
at SSC.